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IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

April 19, 1982

Dear Public Service Director:

The Bureau of Land Management, by law, must maintain viable herds of wild horses and burros on public lands in the West. It also must keep their numbers in balance with available forage and water supplies.

To carry out the law, in 1973 BLM began removing excess horses and burros and offering them to individuals through an adoption program. By 1976 the Adopt-A-Horse Program had spread nationwide. The only expense to the adopter was a veterinary fee and the cost of transportation if the animal was trucked somewhere to be picked up by the adopter. The cost of rounding up the animals and preparing them for adoption - an average of about \$325 in 1981 - was borne by the Federal Government. Some 35,000 horses and burros were placed in foster homes through this system.

In view of today's tight Federal budgets and higher priorities for available funds, it was agreed that BLM should try to make the program more self-supporting. A move in this direction was made this past January when BLM began charging an adoption fee for the animals -- \$200 for a horse and \$75 for a burro.

A combination of the winter weather, the general economic situation and the higher fee has reduced the number of applicants for these excess horses and burros. Although several hundred animals have been adopted since the fee was increased, the continued success of the Adopt-A-Horse Program depends on our finding additional thousands of qualified applicants. During the next six months, for instance, some 6,000 wild horses and burros must be removed from the public lands. We need to find people who are willing to shelter and train them, and enjoy a fine animal for their investment.

Please consider assisting us in our search by using the enclosed announcements when possible.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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James W. Monroe
Assistant to the Director and
Chief, Office of Public Affairs

P.S. If your News Director is interested in a story on wild horses or burros -- perhaps featuring an adopter in your area -- the nearest BLM Office of Public Affairs can assist. A list of these offices is provided.

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

STATE OFFICES

ALASKA:

701 C Street, Box 13
Anchorage, AK 99513
(907) 271-5555
George Gurr, Chief
Office of Public Affairs

ARIZONA:

2400 Valley Bank Center
Phoenix, AZ 85073
(602) 261-3831
Robert Whitaker, Chief
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CALIFORNIA:

2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 484-4724
Tony Staed, Chief
Office of Public Affairs

COLORADO:

1037 20th Street
Denver, CO 80205
(303) 837-6486
Kip Hinton, Chief
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EASTERN STATES OFFICE:

350 S. Pickett Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 235-2840
Dan Alfieri, Acting Chief
Office of Public Affairs

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550 West Fort Street
P.O. Box 042
Boise, ID 83724
(208) 334-1770
Fred Cook, Chief
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222 N. 32 Street
P.O. Box 30157
Billings, MT 59107
(406) 657-6561
Del Harding, Chief
Office of Public Affairs

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Reno, NV 89520
(702) 784-5311
Robert Stewart, Chief
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P.O. Box 1449
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 988-6316
John Gumert, Chief
Office of Public Affairs

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825 NE Multnomah Street
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208
(503) 231-6277
Bob Hostetter
Office of Public Affairs

UTAH:

136 East South Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
(801) 524-4227

~~Don Baker, Acting Chief~~
~~Office of Public Affairs~~

WYOMING:

2515 Warren Avenue
P.O. Box 1828
Cheyenne, WY 82001
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Pat Korp, Chief
Office of Public Affairs



ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM

10 SECONDS

FOR USE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

NEED A HORSE OR BURRO? YOU MAY QUALIFY TO SHELTER AND TRAIN
A SURPLUS WILD ONE REMOVED FROM FEDERAL LANDS. THERE'S A
FEE TO HELP COVER COSTS. WRITE:

ADOPT-A-HORSE
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PUEBLO, COLORADO 81009

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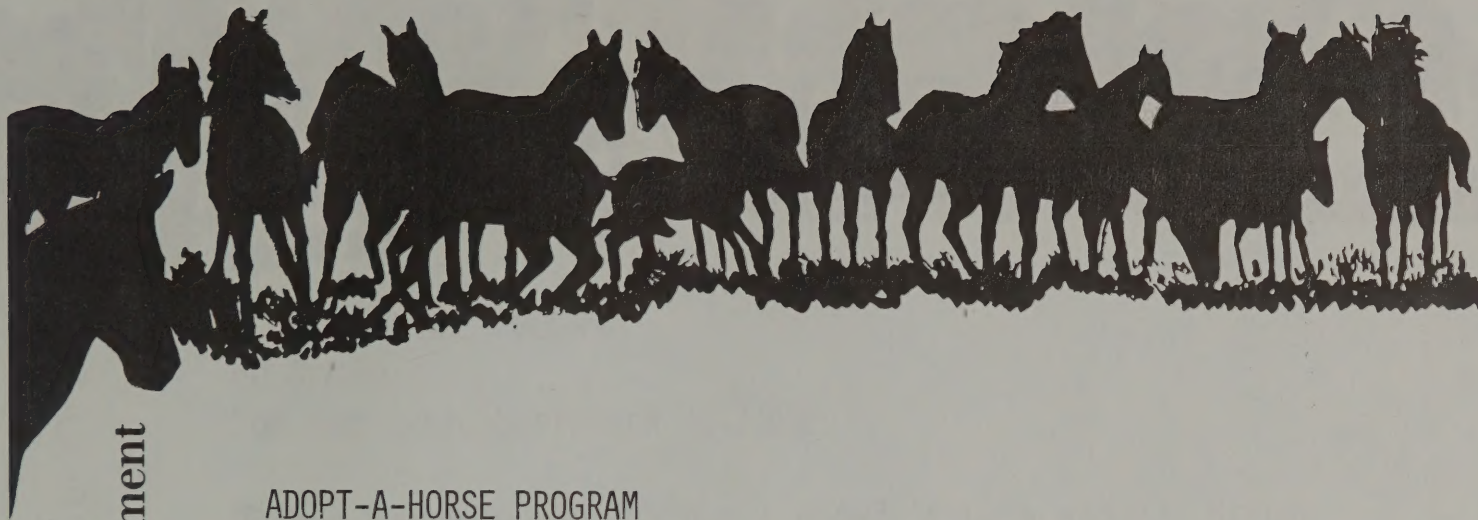
ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM

20 SECONDS

FOR USE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

NEED A HORSE OR BURRO? YOU MAY QUALIFY TO SHELTER AND TRAIN A SURPLUS WILD ONE REMOVED FROM FEDERAL LANDS BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT. YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR ANIMAL AT ANY ONE OF THIRTEEN LOCATIONS IN THE U.S. THERE'S A FEE TO HELP COVER COSTS. FOR DETAILS WRITE:

ADOPT-A-HORSE
CONSUMER INFORMATION CENTER
PUEBLO, COLORADO 81009



ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM

30 SECONDS

FOR USE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

EVER WANTED TO OWN A HORSE OR BURRO? IN SOME AREAS OF THE WEST, HERDS OF WILD HORSES AND BURROS HAVE INCREASED TOO FAST FOR THE LAND'S RESOURCES. TO SAVE THESE LIVING SYMBOLS OF THE OLD WEST, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HAS AN ADOPTION PROGRAM TO FIND NEW HOMES FOR THE EXCESS ANIMALS. THEY CAN BE TAMED FOR EVERYDAY USE, AND THERE ARE THIRTEEN PLACES IN THE U.S. WHERE YOU CAN PICK THEM UP.

THERE'S A FEE TO HELP COVER PART OF THE ROUNDUP COSTS:
\$200 FOR A HORSE AND \$75 FOR A BURRO.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, WRITE:

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PUEBLO, COLORADO 81009



ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM

60 SECONDS

FOR USE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

NEED A HORSE TO RIDE? PULL A PLOW? PULL A WAGON? BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER THIS: YOU MAY QUALIFY TO GET A HORSE THROUGH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM.

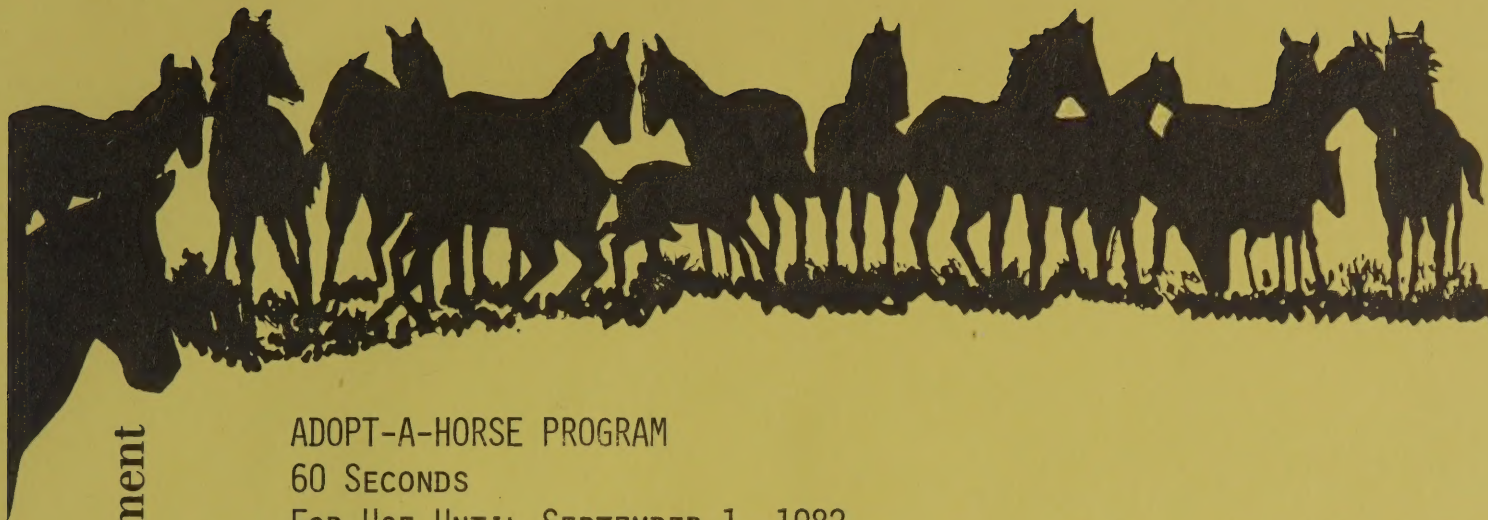
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THE RULES ARE FAIRLY SIMPLE FOR ADOPTING A WILD HORSE--OR A WILD BURRO, IF YOU PREFER. YOU MUST BE A U.S. RESIDENT, OF LEGAL AGE IN THE STATE WHERE YOU LIVE. IF YOU'RE TOO YOUNG, YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN CAN ADOPT FOR YOU. YOU ALSO MUST HAVE SUITABLE FACILITIES, YOUR OWN OR RENTED. YOUR HORSE OR BURRO REMAINS THE PROPERTY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR ONE YEAR. BUT, AFTER A YEAR OF HUMANE CARE AND TREATMENT, YOU CAN GET TITLE TO YOUR ANIMAL.

YOU MAY PICK UP YOUR ANIMAL AT ANY ONE OF 13 ADOPTION CENTERS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE NATION. TO RECOVER SOME OF ITS ROUND-UP COSTS, THE GOVERNMENT CHARGES A FEE--\$200 FOR A HORSE AND \$75 FOR A BURRO. THE COST OF TRANSPORTING THE ANIMAL TO THE ADOPTION CENTER WILL BE ADDED TO THE FEE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ADOPT-A-HORSE PROGRAM RUN BY THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, WRITE:

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